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RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF DEFECTIVE RESPONSE

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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the communication dated April 17, 2002, applicants submit herewith a substitute copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney that was initially submitted by applicants as of March 25, 2002 by Express Mail.

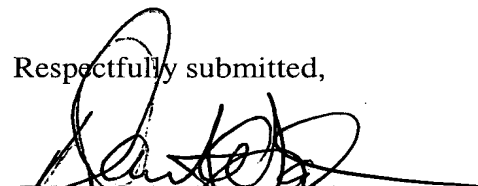
Accordingly, the Declaration and Power of Attorney attached hereto includes a total of four pages. The Declaration and Power of Attorney that was submitted in response to the Notice of Missing Requirements contained only three pages, and these are identified on the lower margin thereof with the legends "Page 2 of 4," "Page 3 of 4" and "Page 4 of 4," and thus failed to include Page 1 of the Declaration. Page 1 of the Declaration in turn, contains

the information that is deemed to be lacking and that has rendered the present application informal.

Applicants believe that the attached Declaration and Power of Attorney which is represented herein to be identical in substance to that which was submitted earlier, is fully responsive and resolves the outstanding informalities in this case.

Accordingly, acceptance of the enclosed Declaration and Power of Attorney and favorable action in the award of a formal filing date and for the processing of the application are believed to be in order, and are courteously solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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Enclosure